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RE: DE 18-073
EVERSOURCE ENERGY
ANNUAL RECONCILIATION OF ENERGY SERVICE
AND STRANDED COST FOR 2017
(Prehearing Conference)

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2 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Good morning,
3 everyone. We're here in Docket DE 18-073,
4 Eversource's 2017 docket to reconcile energy
5 service and stranded cost recovery charges.
6 There are a lot of elements we know in this
7 filing and a lot going on in this docket.
8 After the prehearing conference, there will
9 be a technical session.

10 Before we do anything else, let's
11 take appearances.

12 MR. FOSSUM: Good morning,
13 Commissioners. Matthew Fossum here for
14 Public Service Company of New Hampshire,
15 doing business as Eversource Energy.

16 MR. BUCKLEY: Good morning, Mr.
17 Chairman and Commissioners. My name is Brian
18 D. Buckley. I am the staff attorney with the
19 New Hampshire Office of the Consumer
20 Advocate. To my left is Mr. James Brennan,
21 Director of Finance with the OCA. We're here
22 representing the interests of residential
23 ratepayers.

24 MS. AMIDON: Good morning. Suzanne

1 Amidon for Commission Staff. And to my left
2 is Rich Chagnon, an analyst with the Electric
3 Division.

4 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Is there
5 anything in the way of preliminary matters we
6 need to deal with before getting the parties'
7 preliminary position?

8 [No verbal response]

9 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right.
10 Seeing none, Mr. Fossum, why don't you start
11 us off.

12 MR. FOSSUM: Thank you. I don't
13 have a whole lot to say this morning. I
14 think, as you mentioned, there are a number
15 of things going on. But generally speaking,
16 this is a fairly routine filing. The 2017
17 year was not anything out of the ordinary. I
18 would say, you know, by way of one note, one
19 thing that is a little bit different is the
20 inclusion of the lead/lag information as part
21 of Mr. Goulding's testimony. And we're
22 prepared to work through that issue with the
23 Staff and the OCA, as we are prepared to work
24 through any of the other issues that may come

1 up, which will hopefully be minimal.

2 One final note I did want to make
3 this morning is that, as the Commission is
4 certainly well aware, we are most of the way
5 through, I dare say, divestiture. And so
6 this retrospective review of our generation
7 fleet involves looking at things over which
8 we have less control now. And we are
9 certainly prepared to get whatever
10 information might be needed and to provide it
11 in a timely and efficient manner. We've
12 already discussed this briefly with the Staff
13 and OCA, but I just wanted to note for the
14 record that we're prepared to do everything
15 we can to make this process as efficient as
16 possible, despite the fact that many of the
17 folks that had helped prepare these filings
18 in the past no longer work for the Company.

19 Other than that, we look forward to
20 working with the Staff and the OCA moving
21 through this docket efficiently and resolving
22 this reconciliation as quickly as we can.

23 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Thank you,
24 Mr. Fossum.

1 Mr. Buckley.

2 MR. BUCKLEY: Thank you, Mr.
3 Chairman. The Office of the Consumer
4 Advocate is still evaluating the issues
5 raised in the instant petition. And
6 particularly, we are looking forward to
7 looking a bit further into the Lead/Lag
8 study, and we look forward to discussing that
9 among the other issues with the other
10 parties. Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Ms. Amidon.

12 MS. AMIDON: Good morning. Staff
13 is still reviewing the filing. However, we
14 agree with the Company's assertion that the
15 filing represents no significant bumps or
16 issues in the 2017 operation of the plants.
17 And we've already prepared some discovery
18 which we will schedule delivery with the
19 Commission -- I mean with the Company. And
20 we will take into account Mr. Fossum's
21 advisement on the availability of people and
22 provide the Company some flexibility in
23 getting responses to us regarding discovery.

24 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right.

1 Thank you, Ms. Amidon.

2 If there's nothing else, then we
3 will adjourn the prehearing conference and
4 leave you to your technical session.

5 (Hearing concluded at 10:07 a.m.)

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